NCSE employees absorbed in NCERT

3182. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether service period of employees of NCSE, who were later absorbed in NCERT are taken into account for pension purposes;

(b) if so, whether those services are counted for promotion under ACP scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether DOPT has been consulted in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) NCERT, on an appeal made by the staff of erstwhile National Council for Science Education (NCSE), now working in NCERT, decided to count their services in erstwhile NCSE for the purpose of pensionary benefits only, provided they refunded terminal benefits/amount of GPF/EPF/PF with employer's share plus interest thereon at the prescribed rate till the date of refund. Thereafter, the service of such employees has been counted for pensionary benefits only and not towards promotion etc.

(b) to (e) As per Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) guidelines, only 'regular service' can be considered for grant of promotion or benefits under ACP scheme. Since service rendered under erstwhile of NCSE was not regular service, this service was not considered by NCERT for grant of promotion or benefits under ACP scheme.

Yoga Institutes

†3183. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open more yoga institutes in the country;

(b) if so, the locations identified therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) by when these institutes are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The Department of Secondary and Higher Education is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for "Promotion of Yoga in Schools". Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to States/UTs/NGOs for training of yoga teachers, construction/expansion of hostel building for yoga trainees and upgrading library facilities. There is no provision under this scheme for opening of yoga institutes.

However, as per the information furnished by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, State Governments establish such institutes keeping in view their financial resources.

Deemed Universities

3184. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Deemed Universities existing in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of applications pending for such Universities;

(c) the guidelines for giving such permission; and

(d) whether it is a fact that promoters of such Universities appoint themselves and their family members as Chancellors/VCs, if so, whether Government propose to check such practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) 76 institutions have been granted Deemed University status. State-wise number is indicated below:—

Andhra Pradesh	5	Assam	1
Bihar	1	Gujarat	3
Haryana	3	Himachal Pradesh	1
Jharkhand	2	Karnataka	6